

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2000, for the referenced case ("the Office Action"). Claims 33-36, 39 and 42 have been amended and claims 37, 38, 40 and 41 have been canceled herein. Hence, claims 33-36, 39 and 42 are currently pending in this divisional application. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings

Section 2 of the Office Action objected to the drawings with reference to claim 40. Claim 40 has been canceled, thus overcoming the objection.

Specification

The specification has been amended to make the written description more consistent with the drawings regarding the adjustable screw stop assembly. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Section 3 of the Office Action rejected claims 33-38 and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 37, 38, 40 and 41 have been canceled, rendering the rejections thereof moot.

Claim 33 has been amended to more clearly recite the structure associated with the knob adjustment assembly and the pin. Claim 35 has been amended to remove the language regarding the alignment of the screw and pin. Claim 42 has been amended to remove the language regarding the alignment of the pin and screw and the slidably engageable pin.

Applicants therefore believe that the section 112 rejections have been overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all pending claims of the present application are allowable. As evidenced by the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants have made a genuine effort to advance this case to issuance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

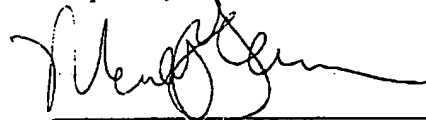
REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including July 28, 2000, in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 28, 2000. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the process fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fee from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP (formerly Arnold White & Durkee) Deposit Account No. 01-2508/ESPD:177/GLE. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from said deposit account.

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